HISTORIC CARTOON: Pumping Gas October 19



For reasons not clear today, some summary product on the USSR in the 1940s included some cartoons of a figure who came to be known as "Little Joe." He gained this nickname because of his resemblance to Josef Stalin, the long-time Soviet leader.

This cartoon is commenting on the fuel situation in the Soviet Union.

502 caption: a diminutive Stalin-like character is crouched over an outline map of the USSR, and pumping gas into an opening. Additional gas caps are sprinkled around the map. A note at the side says "This map not drawn to most scales."